

Suzanne Aubert

New Zealand's Saint in the making

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Suzanne Aubert Parish Coordinators

We are looking for some very special people to join the most exciting cause imaginable... helping promote New Zealand's first saint in the making. Our goal is to have a Suzanne Aubert Parish Coordinator in every parish in New Zealand.

A Parish Coordinator is the key contact in their local parish. He or she will be a link between the Sisters of Compassion and the local parish community, keeping priest and parishioners informed of Cause developments and ensuring material on the

Cause is available in church foyers. If this is something that might appeal to you, or you know of someone in your parish who would welcome being approached to be the coordinator in their parish, please let us know.

You can do it online by going to <http://suzanneaubert.co.nz/home/journey-to-sainthood/suzanne-aubert-coordinators/> or by contacting Sister Jo.



Share your story

Do you know someone who knew Suzanne Aubert or was nursed by her or perhaps was raised in one of the homes that she established?

Do you have a personal story about Suzanne that you would like to share? We would love to hear from you as we are keen to build a library of stories and experiences of Suzanne. We recently met someone whose grandfather was a pallbearer at Suzanne's funeral, and had told many stories about working at Island Bay when Suzanne was there. We will be posting that story on the website soon.

If you want to share your story, you can choose to remain anonymous or alternatively include your name and a picture. We will contact you before the story is published to make sure you are happy with any editing that may be required.

If you have a story that you would like to share, email it to Sister Jo (sr.josephine.gorman@compassion.org.nz) or go to <http://suzanneaubert.co.nz/home/share-your-stories/>



Keep in touch by email

We are keen to keep in contact on a regular basis and the most cost-effective way is by email. We currently produce an e-newsletter which is emailed to those who give us their email address.

Would you like to receive regular updates and news by email? Could you please give us your email address? You can do this by registering on-line or by emailing Sister Jo. (sr.josephine.gorman@compassion.org.nz) Thanks!

Sharing the Journey

I would like to know more on Suzanne and about the Cause.

- ☐ Please put me on your database to be kept informed of progress
- ☐ Please send me information on becoming a 'Friend of Suzanne'
- ☐ Please contact me regarding volunteering in my parish.

Name:

Address:

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Send the coupon to Sisters of Compassion, PO Box 1474, Wellington 6140

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SUZANNE AUBERT NEWS

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Welcome to our First Edition

This is the first edition of our special Suzanne Aubert newspaper, which is designed to keep you informed about the progress of the Cause for Sainthood of Suzanne. One of the key things the Bishops of New Zealand have asked us is to concentrate on promoting the *good works* and *spirituality* of Suzanne and to pray for the Cause as the theologians consider the Positio in Rome this year. It is our hope that as you read various articles and wish to know more that you will access further details on-line, where you will also find various resources.

There is a dedicated website for Suzanne that you can easily access by going to: www.suzanneaubert.co.nz

As always we welcome your feedback and suggestions on topics you would like covered.

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Significant milestone in sight

During the current northern summer, the theologians in Rome are reviewing the *Positio* (the case for her being made a saint) at the request of Pope Francis. Provided they are satisfied with all the documentation, they will release their decision at the beginning of autumn (our springtime). While we are trying not to get too excited, it

is possible we could have some wonderful news to celebrate around the anniversary of Suzanne's death (October 3rd). If the theologians are satisfied and their decision is positive, Suzanne could be declared 'venerable' before Christmas. That is a very significant step on the causation journey. Please pray for these deliberations.



Meet some key people

Two of the very important people associated with promoting the Cause for sainthood of Suzanne Aubert are Father Maurice Carmody and Sister Josephine Gorman. Father Maurice is the Postulator and has been responsible for compiling the comprehensive documents required by Rome. You'll find more on the *Positio* that Father Maurice compiled by going to this website <http://suzanneaubert.co.nz/home/journey-to-sainthood/the-positio/>

You can also read a biography of Father Maurice at <http://suzanneaubert.co.nz/home/journey-to-sainthood/the-positio/>



Sister Josephine Gorman is the archivist for the Sisters of Compassion and has spent many years managing the all-important archival material.

She has assisted Father Maurice with sourcing historical material for the *Positio* that he produced. A detailed profile of Sister Jo is on the website and you can read more on her by visiting <http://suzanneaubert.co.nz/home/journey-to-sainthood/sister-josephine-gorman/>



New resources available

We are developing several new resources to help people learn more of the *spirituality* and *good works* of Suzanne Aubert. We have recently published a 16-page booklet and you can find details of that on the website. It is a wonderful publication that provides a great summary of the life of Suzanne. Copies are available from the office if you can't download it from the website. Just call Sister Jo on (04) 383-7139 and she will send you a copy. There is a small fee of \$5 to cover postage and packing.

There will be other material added shortly to the Website including some video material that you can download, and a spiritual reflection booklet based on the writings of Suzanne. Watch out for more details.

Would you like a picture of Suzanne?



Would you like a copy of the wonderful portrait recently painted of Suzanne Aubert? The painting was done by John the Baptist studio in Auckland. The artist has brilliantly captured the key symbols that are so important to imagery associated with Suzanne. Using pictures of Suzanne from her passport and other documents, the final portrait is what we believe Suzanne would have looked like when she first set foot in New Zealand. The location is obviously Whanganui with the river in the background and the church clearly visible. If you would like your own copy of the icon, you can order it on-line <http://suzanneaubert.co.nz/resources/> or by contacting Sister Jo.



St Mary's Northcote unveils special icon



St. Mary's Church in Northcote, Auckland is one of the first parish churches in New Zealand to commission their own icon of Suzanne Aubert. She occupies a place of honour on the wall of the church alongside icons of St. John Paul II, Blessed Mother Teresa, St. Mary McKillop of the Cross, and others. Parish priest Craig Dunford blessed the icon at a special Mass and invited the congregation to pray for the Cause of Suzanne Aubert.